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POLICING & POLICY

Baltimore Police To Target Dirt Bikes As Summer Looms

The Baltimore Sun (5/10, Anderson) reports, "As warmer weather comes to Baltimore, so do the dirt bikes – and police enforcement." According to the Sun, "Under new commissioner Michael Harrison, the department's seasonal dirt bike violators task force will continue to target areas known for street riding, which the department says is illegal and unsafe. 'It's a public safety risk,' said Col. Richard Worley, the department's chief of patrol. Riders, other drivers and pedestrians are at risk, he said." Worley "noted that riders often lack helmets and headlights," and "they often ride in groups, performing tricks alongside other traffic. Large numbers of bikes and crowds typically bring complaints from nearby residents."

Minneapolis, Minnesota Police Recovered More Than 700 Guns In 2018

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (5/13, Jany, Hargarten) reports, "A maintenance worker inspecting a northeast Minneapolis apartment made a startling discovery last fall: a duffel bag full of guns stashed in a closet." According to the Star Tribune, "Police think the recovered handguns are linked to the theft of more than 30 firearms from a pawnshop in northern Wisconsin last year, a case that has piqued the interest of federal law enforcement agents, but remains unsolved." The firearms "were among the more than 700 handguns, shotguns, rifles and other semiautomatic weapons seized by police around the city last year, thanks to what authorities are calling a combination of old-fashioned police work and modern technology." The Star Tribune adds, "If the current pace of gun recoveries keeps up – 258 guns in the first four months of 2019 – police will top that total by the end of this year," but "still, gun recoveries are down nearly a third over the past decade."

Arizona Schools Chief To Create School Safety Task Force

The AP (5/13, Cooper) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, "The head of public schools in Arizona said Monday she'll create a task force on preventing violence on campuses after the Republican-controlled Legislature failed to act on the issue." Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman "intends to convene students, law-enforcement, mental health experts, school counselors and others to develop a model school-safety plan they can urge districts to adopt." According to the AP, "The announcement was made at the state Capitol with Republican Sen. Kate Brophy McGee and students from March For Our Lives Arizona, an activist group that emerged following last year's shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida."

Genesee County, Michigan Creates Task Force To Curb Human Trafficking

WNEM-TV Flint-Saginaw, MI (5/13, McCrary, Owczarzak) reports, "A new task force is cracking down on human trafficking in Genesee County. 'It's an issue in Genesee County,' said NYSE Holloman, executive director at Voices for Children advocacy group in Flint." Holloman "said as some surrounding counties tightened their grip against human trafficking, more offenders started showing up in Genesee County, but now law enforcement is catching up. 'As Wayne County has joined together with their task force, really combating human trafficking, the taffickers are just moving right up I-75 where they know it's an easier place,' Holloman said." Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell "said the commissioners approved the request for a task force" and that "the team will work in tandem with the FBI and Michigan State Police."

Gilbert, Arizona Police Trained To Interact With Hearing-Impaired Residents

The Arizona Republic (5/13, Burkitt) reports, "More than half the hands in the room lifted when Becca Bailey, community engagement liaison for the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, asked the dozens of Gilbert police officers and staff if they've ever interacted with a deaf person while on the job." According to the Republic, "For the first time, the Gilbert Police Department partnered with the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to train officers and staff in how to communicate more effectively and legally with those who can't hear them. 'We do have a large community and there's a great number of deaf individuals,' Gilbert Police Department training Sgt. Bill Campbell said. 'We want to make sure our officers are prepared to deal with any eventuality of any citizen's issues, whether they be ADA-based or not.'"

Oklahoma Law Enforcement Gears Up To Solve Cold Cases

The Tulsa (OK) World (5/13, REPORT) reports, "Nearly 60 representatives from 18 agencies have more weapons in their arsenals to solve cold cases after training with experts in Wagoner on May 8. The training, held at the Wagoner Civic Center, is intended to help law enforcement prepare for Francine's Law. 'Now that Oklahoma is one of a handful of states to fully exploit the NamUs database, we wanted law enforcement agencies to have the tools to hit the ground running,' said District 27 District Attorney Jack Thorp, who was instrumental in helping to pass Francine's Law in Oklahoma. 'By the grace of God, through the hard work of law enforcement and our coordinator, Vicky Lyons, and with the assistance of Attorney General Mike Hunter and his multicounty grand jury, District 27 has solved six cold cases,' Thorp said." Thorp "credited Hunter with shepherding Francine's Law, which sailed through Oklahoma's legislature and was signed into law on April 15."

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COMMUNITY

New Jersey Judges Weigh Whether To Allow Citizens To Investigate Newark Officers

NJ News (5/13, Nelson) reports from Trenton, New Jersey, "New Jersey's largest city sparred with a police attorney in court on Monday, concerning how much power citizens should have when overseeing Newark cops." According to NJ News, "For just over an hour, three appellate judges listened to attorneys debate the limits of Newark's civilian complaint review board, in a case that could impact similar bodies across the state." Avion Benjamin, "a city attorney, argued that the board should be able to investigate alleged misconduct in much the same way that a police department's internal affairs division can. Citizens should have the option of filing a complaint with the board or the cops, Benjamin said." Matthew Areman, "a lawyer representing Newark's Fraternal Order of Police, said the city overstepped when in 2016 it gave that board the ability to issue subpoenas, recommend discipline and compel the director of public safety to speak publicly about certain decisions."

CRIME & DRUGS

County Lines Drug Gang Recruited Teens From London Care Homes

The Daily Mail (UK) (5/13) reports, "Social workers and teachers were facing serious questions last night after a county lines gang plucked 25 boys and girls from care homes and units for expelled pupils to sell drugs 70 miles away." According to the Daily Mail, "Drug dealers infiltrated at least three care homes and four pupil referral units (PRU) to recruit vulnerable teenagers as young as 14 from under the noses of staff." The Daily Mail adds, "No one noticed when the youngsters – who were dubbed 'perfect couriers' – disappeared for days after they were sent from London to peddle drugs in Portsmouth, making profits of up to £2,000 per child each day for gangmasters." The case "illustrates how pupils excluded from schools and youngsters in the care system are being exploited by gangs." The National Crime Agency "estimates that 10,000 children as young as 11 have been enslaved by 2,000 county lines gangs – named after the mobile phone lines they use to transfer drugs from big cities to the provinces."

"Operation Redwood" Nets Eight Arrests, Machine Gun In San Jose, California

KNTV-TV San Francisco (5/13, Truijillo) reports, “A South Bay community that has seen more than its share of gun violence is now safe.” KNTV-TV adds, “That’s the message from the FBI after a sting operation dubbed ‘Operation Redwood’ rounded up several people they call violent suspects.” According to KNTV-TV, “The sting was centered in San Jose’s Seven Trees Community, not far from that shootout last Thursday at the Vietnamese cafe.” Police “confiscated several guns, including an assault rifle and a machine gun. They also arrested eight people, including an accused murderer.” Operation Redwood “also shut down what is being called a so-called honey lab – an exceptionally dangerous makeshift lab used to make a drug called wax.”

TECHNOLOGY

San Francisco On Track To Ban Use Of Facial Recognition By Police, Agencies

The AP (5/13, O'Brien, Har) reports San Francisco is set “to become the first US city to ban the use of facial recognition by police and other city agencies.” If the city adopts a ban as expected, “other cities, states or even Congress could follow, with lawmakers from both parties looking to curtail government surveillance and others hoping to restrict how businesses analyze the faces, emotions and gaits of an unsuspecting public.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

FBI Probing How Woman Got Ricin Found In Minnesota Apartment

KSTP-TV Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN (5/13) reports, “A source told 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS the biological weapon of mass destruction, ricin, was found inside apartment B527, on the fifth floor of The Marshall Apartment’s ‘B’ building facing 5th Street SE in Dinkytown.” According to KSTP-TV, “Police and fire crews were called to the apartment, which was evacuated, on May 7 for a medical situation that involved the ‘potential presence of ricin,’ authorities said,” and “the source also told KSTP the woman who came in contact with the toxin is still hospitalized and investigators, at this point, seem to think she was attempting to harm herself when she handled the substance.” KSTP-TV adds, “And, that same source told KSTP the FBI is now focused on finding where the ricin came from, how the woman obtained it or whether she tried manufacturing it herself.” The source “said the woman leased the apartment with another University of Minnesota student and the two have been close friends for the past couple years.”

Malaysian Police Arrest Four Accused Of Plotting Attacks Around Kuala Lumpur

Reuters (5/13) reports that Malaysian police on Monday announced that they had detained four men “suspected of plotting a wave of killings and attacks in and around the capital during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.” The four suspects “are two Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar, an Indonesian and a Malaysian, Inspector General of Police Abdul Hamid Bador told reporters.” Bador said the group “had planned to launch large-scale attacks during the first week of Ramadan to avenge a Muslim fireman who was allegedly beaten to death during a racially charged riot at a Hindu temple in November.”

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